

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
JANUARY 10, 2006
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order.

Bob Kelley Called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Commissioners present: Bob Kelley, Gary McCarthy, Mike Cowen, and Amy Fredrickson. Carolyn Smith was present from staff.

3. Adopt Agenda.

Mike moved to adopt the agenda; Amy seconded. Motion carried.

4. Approval of minutes of December 13, 2005.

Amy moved to approve the minutes from December 13, 2005; Gary seconded. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and decision of the request for addition of a porch at 325 W. RR Ave: Brad Richmann

Brad was not in attendance. Amy said he must present the information required last month by the next meeting or we will ask to have the porch taken down. Mike said Brad is a licensed contractor and there is no excuse for his building the porch without proper approvals. Amy will speak with Brad to let him know he must be present next month. Mike moved to table the item; Amy seconded. Item tabled until next meeting.

6. Discussion and Decision of restoration request for the door at 135-139 W. Rt. 66: David Haines

David had pictures from 1927 showing the door as 1 piece instead of the slanted double doors on the building now. He also asked to take out the cement step in front of the door for handicap access. Mike moved to accept the plan; Amy seconded. Motion carried.

7. Discussion regarding the resignation of Harriett and Bill Lockwood and their replacements.

The commission regretfully accepts the resignations of Bill and Harriett Lockwood and thanks them for their service to the Historical District and the City of Williams. Gary will write an ad to re-run in the paper for new members.

8. Discussion and decision of Advisory Committee membership and suggested projects.

Mike asked if we want non-voting members sitting at the table or if we want help with the “background” projects. Amy said it’s more efficient to have an Historic Society type of assistance and give a chance for new members to come on the Commission. The Society can be volunteer & not City sponsored. They can take on projects such as collection of artifacts, educational programs, grants, surveys, etc... Joyce Drake, in town at Main Streets request for their Urban Design program, offered some insight into how ad hoc committees work.

Amy moved to offer support for the formation of an Historical Society, saying she will offer her help. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

9. Main Street updates

Amy reported the Rt. 66 presentation by Mike Taylor went very well. He was impressed with the amount of community involvement and liked the idea of the Biomass plant.

Carolyn reported that the ice rink was a big success with nearly 8000 skaters and that it would close 1/23/06.

David Haines reported the 2nd St. tree was down; that the Drakes (Land Planners) were meeting with Main St. for their Urban Design project

10. Abatement issues. NONE

11. Staff Reports

Carolyn reported (on information requested last month) that Donna Eastman was never a City employee and the grant money for the Polson building did not cover the cost of handicap access; all the money was spent to move the building.

Mike Woskoboyniks ask the Commission to look at a sign for the new Craft Shop. He said he had turned in the request but it was lost in the city office & the shop owners couldn’t wait until next month. He asked as a courtesy that we hold off any action until they could present at the next meeting.

The Commission asked if Tim or Phil could speak at the next meeting on enforcement issues.

12. Adjourn.

Amy moved to adjourn. Mike seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.